

City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is committed to ending racial discrimination and promoting racial equality, educational excellence, economic empowerment and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, the NAACP annually celebrates Jubilee Day to commemorate January 1, 1863 – the date President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became law; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation granted freedom to all African-American slaves in Confederate States, and its first southern reading took place in Virginia in January of 1863; and

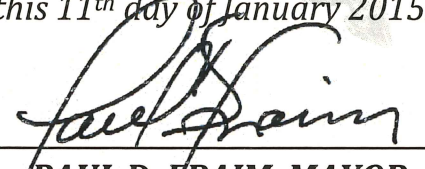
WHEREAS, Jubilee Day is an opportunity for all Norfolk citizens to commemorate the strength and resolve of African-Americans throughout history, celebrate the value that African-American culture adds to our community, and reflect on the Emancipation Proclamation's significant impact on all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Branch of the NAACP will host the 2015 Jubilee Celebration at New Calvary Baptist Church in recognition of the 152nd anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, THAT I, Paul D. Fraim, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby join the Norfolk Branch of the NAACP in supporting the 2015 Jubilee Celebration, and further acknowledge the organization and its members for their commitment to fighting for social justice for all.

Given under my hand this 11th day of January 2015.




PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR